

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

28 December 8, 2015

ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVAL OF NON-FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO IMPLEMENT A JUVENILE DAY REPORTING CENTER TO PROVIDE SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

(4th SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of a non-financial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Long Beach Unified School District (School) to implement a Juvenile Day Reporting Center (JDRC) to provide school-based services for court-involved and at-risk youth.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Approve a non-financial MOU with School similar to the attached MOU (Attachment) to implement a JDRC to provide school-based services for court-involved and at-risk youth.
- 2. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer or designee to negotiate and execute any subsequent amendments, modifications, and/or extensions of the MOU, upon approval as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of a non-financial MOU with School to implement a JDRC to provide school-based services for court-involved and at-risk youth. The proposed JDRC will provide highly structured, community-based educational and treatment oriented

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programming designed to prevent future delinquent behavior. The proposed JDRC will also provide a supervised educational environment that fosters accountability and encourages and reinforces prosocial behaviors. The implementation of the JDRC will support County of Los Angeles Probation Department's (Probation) continuing efforts to provide intervention services that will reduce recidivism, increase public safety, and enhance levels of collaboration and sharing/leveraging of resources with community partners.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support the County's Strategic Plan Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery. Implementation of the recommendations will enable Probation to collaborate and coordinate integrated services for court-involved and at-risk youth.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed MOU is non-financial and has no fiscal impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Implementation of the JDRC will allow Probation to comply with Paragraph 73.5 of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement which requires that educational and support services be provided in a community-based setting. For the past several years, Probation has made concentrated efforts to reduce reliance on costly juvenile halls, group homes, and residential treatment services (camps). With the implementation of the proposed JDRC, Probation plans to further reduce the number of out-of-home placements by offering effective and safe community-based services for eligible medium-risk youth.

The proposed MOU has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Probation to enter into an MOU with School to expand the school-based Probation model to provide enhanced supervision of probationers by building resiliency with a priority on school success and positive redirection through services such as tutoring and academic credit recovery services. This will result in increasing school success for these youth, building partnerships with schools and others to promote campus and community safety, holding youth and families accountable, reducing recidivism, increasing public safety, and enhancing levels of collaboration and sharing of resources with community partners.

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Respectfully submitted,

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